



**Issaquah School District #411
Board Minutes – September 14, 2023**

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Work Study – 5:00 p.m.

The Board met for a work session on Bond Planning. Board President Sydne Mullings, Directors Harlan Gallinger, Marnie Maraldo, and Suzanne Weaver along with Superintendent Tow-Yick and other members of the ISD administration were present. The session ended at 5:59 p.m. Anne Moore was not present for this work session.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:09 p.m.

Board Director Sydne Mullings called the September 14, 2023 meeting of the Issaquah School Board to order in regular session in the boardroom of the Administration Service Center at 6:09 p.m. Present along with Ms. Mullings were Board Directors Harlan Gallinger, Marnie Maraldo, Suzanne Weaver and Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick and ISD Administrators. Director Moore was absent from this meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Please note: Because regular Issaquah School Board meetings are recorded and made available in their entirety, minutes will reflect board action/direction and general topic discussion only.

Public Comment – 6:10 p.m.

Introduction of new Administrators:

- New Administrators included: Jordan Frost, Director of Secondary Activities and Athletics (Sherri Kokx introduced) and Noah Westerberg, Director of Counseling and Student Wellbeing (Heather Tow-Yick introduced)

Introductions of School Board Student Representatives (2023-24)

- The Representative are: Havah Alcorn, Gibson Ek, Leilani Mathieu-Deciga, Gibson Ek (attended on Zoom), Siddarth Baasri, Issaquah High School, Naomi Wu, Issaquah High School, Aditi Marehalli, Liberty High School, Jack O'Connell, Liberty High School, Mia Williamson, Liberty High School, Dishitaa Jain, Skyline High School, Nathan Pan, Skyline High School
- Kathleen Myers – I H S teacher Re: "Next generation personal finance" classes for students

Approval of Consent Agenda – 6:25 p.m.

Ms. Weaver moved the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Ms. Maraldo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda items are as follows:

1. Presented for information only the Budget Status Report for June 2023, as presented
2. Accepted the Monitoring Report EL-7, Superintendent Succession, as presented;
3. Approved award of RFP #515A Kitchen Equipment Services, to the Blake Company for the 2023-24 school year, as presented;
4. Approved the ISD Admin Bldg. HVAC Improvements Change Order No. 1 from D/B total of Solutions, in the amount of \$1,882.00 plus \$190.08 WSST for a \$2,072.08, as presented;
5. Approved the following gifts/donations: 1) \$15,921.00 has been donated to the Liberty High



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School Football Program, 2) \$44,000.00 has been donated to the Skyline High School Program, 3) \$5,271.00 has been donated to the Skyline High Girls Soccer Program, as presented;

6. Approved for payment General vouchers 433612 through 434206 in the total amount of \$3,605,109.18; Capital Projects vouchers 433705 through 434228 in the total amount of \$2,243,594.09; ASB vouchers 433713 through 434241 in the total amount of \$237,502.48; Payroll vouchers 191159 through 191224 in the total amount of \$3,406,508.99; Electronic Transfer – Payroll in the total amount of \$20,490,228.43; Electronic Transfer – Dept. of Rev in the total amount of \$10,744.39; Electronic Transfer – GF AP in the total amount of \$46,695.51; Electronic Transfer – ASB AP in the total amount of \$1,380.24 as presented;
7. Approved the minutes for the August 24, 2023, regular board meeting, as presented;
8. Approved the Certificated New Employee Contracts (2023-2024), as presented; *
9. Approved the Certificated Employee Leaves of Absence (2023-24), as presented; *
10. Approved the Supplemental Contracts/Employment Agreements, as presented;*
11. Approved the Classified New Employee Contracts (2023-2024), as presented; *
12. Approved the Classified Employee Resignations/Retirements/Terminations (2023-2024), as presented;*

* personnel listings are available by clicking on the appropriate item on the [archived agenda](#) for this meeting.

Establishment of the Agenda – 6:26 p.m.

No Changes

Review of the Work Study – 6:26 p.m.

Prior to the Board Meeting the Board conducted a work study relating to Bond Planning. Each Director shared on the Work Study topic.

Student Representative Introductions – 6:34 p.m.

On April 7, 2022 the Board adopted a new Governance Policy on Student Representatives, (GP-12). Directors Weaver and Maraldo provided an update on the onboarding of the 23-24 Student Representatives.

Works in Progress and the start of the 2023-24 School Year – 6:40 p.m.

Superintendent Tow-Yick updated the Board on various projects and events around the District.

Operations Update - 6:47 p.m.

Jason Morse, Executive Director of Operations, updated the Board on District Operations for the start of the 2023-24 school year.

Strategic Plan Update- 7:08 p.m.

Marcel Hauser, Senior Advisor and Strategy updated the Board on the ISD Strategic Plan.

Bond Refunding Update – 7:25 p.m.

Moriah Banasick, Executive Director of Finance and Budget, with representatives from Piper Sandler NW Municipals presented information about the bond refunding. A resolution will be presented for adoption at the September 28, 2023 board meeting.



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Monitoring EL-8 Communications and Support – 7:36 pm

Ms. Weaver moved the Board accept the monitoring report for EL-8 Communications and Support. Ms. Maraldo seconded the motion and the motion passed with a no vote from Dr. Gallinger.

Public Comment

None in person or on Zoom

Legislative Matters – 8:15 p.m.

Director Gallinger brought forward items regarding legislation as it pertains to education.

Announcements and Correspondence – 8:16 p.m.

This is a standing opportunity for the Board to share announcements and correspondence.

The Board reported the following correspondence since the last meeting:

- Richard Shea Re: Transportation
- Andrea Springer Re: Staffing
- Matthew Hanson Re: Start-up accelerator program
- Meg Iyer Re: SHS student / Junior National Team Gymnastics Team
- Deb Morgan Re: Salmon Days Grande Parade
- Sara Niegowski Re: Accolades for a great start to school

This list reflects correspondence collectively sent to the Board since the last board meeting:

Calendar and Future Agenda Items – 8:17 p.m.

The Board reviewed and identified topics for future board meeting agendas and other special calendar items, as well as schedule special meetings/work sessions.

Director Gallinger will attend meeting with the Issaquah Chamber of commerce on Friday, 9/15/2023 with Superintendent Tow-Yick and Julia Bamba, Principal on Special Assignment.

Adjournment:

8:21 p.m.